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4. Source states in summation that a concealed but violent conflict rages between the East German SED leadership and the Moscow Politburo. Indeed, the great praise which had to be given a few weeks ago to Otto Grotewohl and his "successful anti-American campaign" has already led to demoralization and a loosening of the Moscow grip in East Germany.* Whatever the Ulbricht regime has gained through the Free German Youth meeting in Berlin, and through similar propaganda successes, is now being lost through the destruction of the hopes which Ulbricht's regime expected to realize within a short time. Many illusions have also arisen in bourgeois and Social Democratic circles in East Germany, since the information has leaked out that the Politburo in Moscow is perhaps prepared to sacrifice the SED Government for the sake of an international maneuver, planned on a continental scale.

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Comment: Source does not explain how praise for Grotewohl has led to demoralization.

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